



# KSB Wildcat Monthly

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## Students Serve as Grand Marshals of Frankfort Avenue Easter Parade



The Frankfort Avenue Business Association (FABA) selected KSB students serve as the Grand Marshals of the 2013 Frankfort Avenue Easter Parade that on Sat., Mar. 30. The students greeted parade goers and passed out treats along the parade route.

Riding in a horse drawn carriage are (left to right) Danielle Hardiman, Easter Bunny, Taryn Seif, School Counselor Elaine Hall, Riley Seif and Luke Hagan.



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*By: Elaine Hall, Guidance Counselor*

KSB participated in Louisville's quest to be a compassionate city. For the 2012-2013 school year, high school students led a book drive project. They collected books to give to agencies that needed them.

They collected books for the Center for Women and Families and JCPS Homeless Education program, The Healing Place and The American Council for the Blind. **568 books were collected!!**

As part of our continued participation in the Compassionate City Project, we are pleased to announce that **KSB has been given tickets to see the Dalai Lama in May!!** This world leader and Nobel Peace Prize recipient will be coming to Louisville, and students from across the city have been invited to attend. We are thrilled to take some of our middle and high school students to this event.

Thanks to all who collected or donated books to our service project for the year! If you have questions about the project, contact [elaine.hall@ksb.kyschools.us](mailto:elaine.hall@ksb.kyschools.us).



## Think "Sensory" When Planting Your Spring or Summer Garden

If you are going to be adding plants to your yard this spring or summer, think "sensory." Here are some plant suggestions to make your garden more enjoyable for a friend or family member who is blind or visually impaired.

**Fragrant Trees and shrubs:** lilac, butterfly bush, daphne, jasmine, mock orange, roses

**Fragrant Vines:** clematis, climbing rose, honeysuckle, jasmine, passionflower, sweet pea, wisteria

**Fragrant Flowering Plants:** basil, bee-



balm, chamomile, heliotrope, hyacinth, lavender, lemon balm, lily, lily-of-the-valley, mint, peony, pinks, sage, scented geranium, thyme

**Textured Touch Plants:** cape jasmine, cockscomb, feather grass, gay-feather, globe amaranth, hare's tale grass, lamb's ears, obedient plant, poppy, pussy willow, rose mallow, squirrel-tail grass, worm-wood

**Plants for Listening:** animated oats, balloon flower, bamboo, Chinese lantern, money plant, pampas grass, pearl grass

**Trees for Listening:** birch, pine, poplar

Keep this list in mind the next time you go to the nursery the next time. Think about the "senses" when buying your planting stock.



# Maintenance Has New Team Member



KSB welcomes **Earl Scrogam** to the maintenance department. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of maintenance, and is a great addition to the team.

Scrogam served in the United States Marine Corps, and was a

volunteer firefighter for 27 years. He has one son (Terry), he is a big UK fan, and he enjoys playing various board and card games in his spare time.



## Upcoming Events

- May 2:** Stage 1 Primary Field Trip (Charlotte's Web)
- May 3:** No School
- May 6-10:** Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 7:** SBDM Meeting, 4-5 PM
- May 9:** KSB Founder's Day, 1:30 PM
- May 23:** Student/Staff Goalball
- May 24-25:** Washington DC Trip for HS Students
- May 27:** Memorial Day (School not in Session)
- May 29:** Elementary Recital/Awards, 12:45 PM
- May 30:** 8th Grade Graduation/Awards, 1 PM
- May 30:** HS Graduation, 6:30 PM



## Mudd to Receive Langan Award on Founder's Day

**KSB will present the prestigious Paul J. Langan Award to J. Gary Mudd during the school's 171<sup>st</sup> Founder's Day Program on Thur., May 9, 2013 at 1:30 PM in Richie Auditorium.** Parents, families and friends are invited to attend the Founder's Day Program.

The Langan Award was established in 1992 and is dedicated to former superintendent Paul J. Langan (1945-56) in recognition of his outstanding service and constructive leadership. His innovative approach to education established the foundation for continued improvement of the education of blind and visually impaired children at the school.

Mudd is a graduate of KSB and the University of Louisville and is the Vice President of Public Affairs at the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) in Louisville. Several of his major accomplishments include establishing a Braille production facility at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women and overseeing coordination of the National Prison Braille Network, which includes 36 Braille production facilities in 29 states; and being a strong voice in Washington, D.C., in educating Congress on the role APH plays in providing specialized materials and products to meet the needs of blind and visually impaired children (birth to 21) in the United States and its territories.

Mudd is very active in the community serving on the Board of Kentucky Industries for the Blind, Visually Impaired Preschool Services, KSB Advisory Board, and is presently President of the Kentucky School for the Blind Charitable Foundation.



*KSB alumnus Gary Mudd is the 2013 recipient of the Paul J. Langan Award.*



### GIGANTIC SALE!

**The Video Yearbook is on sale.**

**AVAILABLE NOW For ONLY \$7**

**Over 50 copies have been sold.**

**The person who buys the 75<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> yearbook will get it free.**

**one, please make your check payable to KSB.**

## Coming Down the Home Stretch

# Counselor Gives a View of Student Activities on the Track for May

*By: Elaine Hall, Guidance Counselor*

As we get ready for the final month of school, of course it would be appropriate for me to start with a Derby phrase. Louisville is filled with Kentucky Derby plans and festivities and it is fun to share that at school! Our book drive came to an end and **568 books** and tapes were collected and delivered!!

Students will start the month of May with K-Prep testing. Almost all grade levels will have some sort of assessments. Our main testing will occur the week of May 13-17.

You can help by making sure your child gets good sleep when they are home on the weekend or the nights before tests. You can discuss with them about doing their best work, but don't dwell on them. Test anxiety doesn't seem to be too much of a problem, but please don't hesitate to let us know if you see that in your child.

Many of our high school students are taking final steps with college and job applications as well as resume preparation. Others are busy with transition activities with Teacher Connie Hill.

We look forward to a busy and productive final month of school! Please remind your children that we are not at the end of school yet.

We look forward to seeing many of our parents at our school activities and on the final day of school!

**Finally, May 6-10 is Teacher Appreciation Week!** We have the best teachers and staff and I can't tell you what a privilege it is for me to work with them!!! If you have a minute, send a note, card or email to your child's teachers. They are a truly dedicated and talented group of men and women who love your children! And, thank you to all our staff who work so hard!



**May 6-10**

**PSSO is holding a 50/50 Raffle  
From April 1 -May 21  
Prize to be Given Away  
After Spring Concert**

**Tickets**

**1 for \$1**

**6 for \$5**

**See any PSSO**

**member to**

**purchase tickets**



**Mark Your Calendar:**

**July 23-24, 2013**

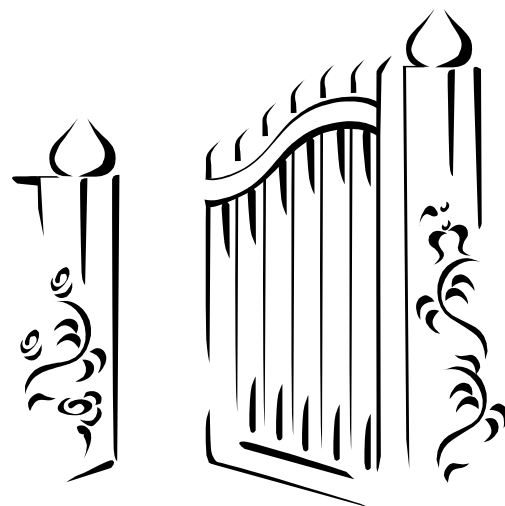
**Gateways to Independence**

**Professional Development**

**Opportunity for Kentucky**

**Teachers of the Visually Impaired**

*Registration information to be sent soon!*



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